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Analysis of Enrolled House Bill 5045

Topic: Manufactured Home Transfer of Title Information

Sponsor: Representative Schuitmaker

Co-sponsors: None

Committee: House Banking and Financial Services
Senate Banking and Financial Institutions

Date Introduced: July 6, 2005

Date Enrolled: May 10, 2006

Date of Analysis: April 21, 2006

Position: The Department of Labor & Economic Growth supports the bill.

Problem/Background: Until 1978, mobile homes, or manufactured homes as the industry now prefers to call them, were titled as “trailer coaches”. Since 1978, they have been titled as “mobile homes”. The title is identified as a “Certificate of Manufactured Home Ownership” or “Certificate of Manufactured Home Title”. These documents resemble a motor vehicle title and serve the same purpose. The Mobile Home Commission Act requires that transfer of title information be on the back of the certificate of title. At one time, this was usual practice for title documents, but that has now been changed in all statutes except this one.

Description of Bills: The bills strike the words “on the back of the certificate of title”. The information required by the act relating to the assignment of title would be otherwise unchanged.

Arguments For: The bill brings manufactured home titles into line with titles for automobiles, boats, and other vehicles.

Arguments Against: If the objective of the bill is to get transfer information off the back of the form, this bill will not necessarily accomplish this. A person would not be prohibited by the bill from writing the required

Fiscal/Economic Impact:

Budgetary: The bill will have no budgetary impact on the department or the state.

Revenue: The bill will have no revenue impact on the department or the state.

Local Government: The bill will have no local government impact.

Other Pertinent Information: The Department of State reportedly asked that this bill be introduced.

Administrative Rules Impact: The bill will have no administrative rule impact.